

REMARKS

Applicant's representative (Matthew H. Szalach, Reg. No. 53,665) would like to thank Examiner Chiem for the courtesies extended during a telephonic interview conducted on July 10, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner clarified the rejection of independent Claims 1 and 21 in light of Katahira (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0063456) and asserted that Katahira discloses a wiring circuit board disposed on an inclined surface of a light-guide plate. Applicant's representative presented arguments to the Examiner that Katahira fails to disclose such a relationship, noting that a reflective sheet (402), not a wiring circuit board, is disposed between light-guide plates (422, 442) of Katahira. While no agreement was reached on the above, the Examiner did agree that amending each of independent Claims 1 and 21 to recite an elastically deformable compression-type connector terminal that is shiftable in a "horizontal direction" on a circuit board would define over the cited art of record. Accordingly, Applicant has amended each of independent Claims 1 and 21 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion and respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 21, as well as Claims 2, 11, 13, 16, and 20, respectively dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance. No exhibits were shown or demonstrations conducted.

Claims 1, 2, 11, 13, 16, 20, and 21 are now pending in the application. By this paper, Claims 1 and 21 have been amended. Support for the foregoing amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added. The preceding amendments and the following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested

to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 11, 13, 16, and 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katahira (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0063456) in view of Villain et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,692,263). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of independent Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to recite an electronic instrument including an elastically deformable compression-type connector terminal shiftable in a "horizontal direction" on a circuit board. Because the Examiner agreed that such amendments to independent Claims 1 and 21 define over the art of record, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 21, as well as Claims 2, 11, 13, 16, and 20, respectively dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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